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VIENNA FOR US MBFR REP

FOR ACDA DIRECTOR IKLE FROM AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD

REF: STATE 220921

1. AS A GENERAL RULE I INTEND TO CONTINUE TO STEER COUNCIL
AWAY FROM TACTICAL QUESTIONS ON MBFR, WHICH U.S. FEEL SHOULD
E MANAGED IN THE AD HOC GROUP. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT VIENNA
IS IN A BETTER POSITION TO DEAL WITH MOST PRESS QUESTIONS THAN
BRUSSELS.

2. IT DID NOT PROVE NECESSARY OR USEFUL IN TBAY'S NAC FOR ME
TO DRAW ON ALL THE GUIDANCE YOU PROVIDED IN THE REFTEL.
I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS, IN VIEW OF THE MANDATORY LANGUAGE
IN PARA 5 OF THE REFTEL, WHICH SURPRISED ME. I ALSO
THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL FOR YOU TO HAVE MY GENERAL
VIEWS ON THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN WHAT THE NORTH ATLANTIC
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COUNCIL SHOLD SPEND ITS TIME ON, WHICH IS PRIMARILY IN
THE SUBSTANTIVE AREA, AND THAT WHICH AMBASSADOR RESOR AND
HIS STAFF CAN DO BETTER ON THE SCENE IN VIENNA.

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3. IN THIS CASE THE USE OF THE MANDATORY LANGUAGE IN
PARAGRAPH 5 SEEMS TO ME TO BE INAPPROPRIATE AND UNWISE, IN
THAT IT WOULD HAVE SEIZED THE COUNCIL OF SUBJECT MATTER WHICH
WASHINGTON, U.S. MBFR REP VIENNA AND I HAVE CONTINUOUSLY AGREED
SHOULD BE LEFT TO VIENNA.
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